The U.S. Department of Energy announced nearly \$23 million in stimulus funding to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Missouri.

Missouri will use the money to expand its existing Energy Center program, which includes a variety of home efficiency programs, building energy codes and education and training initiatives, Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-Mo., said Thursday.

The funding also will go toward encouraging Missourians to reduce their energy consumption by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, industrial facilities, agricultural operations, transportation, schools and local governments.

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